



FlexiGrip™ Sit-Stand Manual Aid

Clinical Guidelines for Use

Competency Statement: After attending this orientation, the clinician will be able to properly use specialty equipment according to manufacturer's recommendations. If the performance criteria are not met, additional training will be provided. If the caregiver has any questions always consult the product owner manual prior to use or contact your Handicare Representative.

Objective: Caregiver will be able to choose the correct transfer assistive device and demonstrate competency by instructing the patient on safely transferring from a seated position between wheelchair and bed, commode or chair. For transfer where a gap must be bridged an EasyGlide transfer board should be used.

Directions: Check the appropriate box for each performance criteria. Schedule retraining as indicated.

ALWAYS EXPLAIN PROCEDURE TO RESIDENT OR PATIENT BEFORE AND DURING TASK.	Verbalized understanding	Performed	Needs review
1. Product description <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. FlexiGrip is used as a helpful grip that facilitates more active raising of the patient from a recumbent to a seated positionb. FlexiGrip is used to provide leverage to transfer and repositionc. The FlexiGrip supports a maximum weight of 330 lbs.d. See product manual for cleaning instructions			
2. Functional inspection: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Always check assistive device after laundering and regularly to insure that the product is not worn, damaged or bleached.b. Pull on handles to assure they can withstand a heavy load and if there are signs of wear the product should be discarded			
3. Placement of Flexigrip <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Fasten the FlexiGrip by drawing the straps through the loops to cinch to a stable strong structure on the bed such as frame, mattress pan or other secure place that can withstand the maximum weight and pull force.b. Caution: Never cinch FlexiGrip to a part on the bed that moves			
4. Transferring a patient <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Using the FlexiGrip from a seated position between wheelchair and bed, toilet or chair can be performed by the patient or individual with minimal or no assistance from the caregiver. The FlexiGrip should be attached to the opposite side of the transfer point to provide leverage for the patient.b. Example: If a patient is transferring from a wheelchair to a bed then position the bed slightly lower than the wheelchair. Place the bed with the head of bed in a seated position. Use an EasyGlide or other type of slide board to bridge the gap. The FlexiGrip should be secure to the opposite side of the bed to the frame. Hand the loop ladder to the patient/individual. The FlexiGrip can be used as leverage for the transfer.			
5. Sitting up in bed or on side of bed <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The FlexiGrip can be used to sit up in bed for repositioning or to move to the side of the bed to facilitate egress from the bed. This can be accomplished by securing the FlexiGrip to the frame at the foot of the bed. The patient/individual can use the loops as a ladder to pull them to a seated position or swing their legs to sit at the side of the bed.			

I understand how to use the equipment and all of my questions have been answered. If I have any questions prior to use of the transfer device I will consult the owner/user manual for the FlexiGrip™.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Signature: _____

Evaluator Signature: _____ Date: _____